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SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY: May I ask, Sir, whether the Official Language Commission wants the proceedings of the Legislature to be conducted in Hindi or whatever other language they may recommend? It may be Russian that they recommend. But do they desire us to conduct the proceedings in Hindi here?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is purely within the province of this House to decide which language should be used here.

Travelling allowance to teachers posted for election duty

* 15 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the rules issued by the Government for the purpose of grant of travelling allowance to teachers posted for election duty during the last General Elections?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: A copy of the instructions [a] regulating the payment of travelling allowances and advances to polling personnel employed for election duty during the General Elections, 1957, is placed on the table of the House.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Am I right in taking that the modification suggested in sub-division (*a*) of Part B of the rules placed before the House applies only to elementary school teachers under local boards and not to high school teachers under local boards?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The teachers in elementary schools and in schools maintained by local bodies will be granted the daily allowance.

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY: Are teachers best fitted for supervising the election work and by asking them to perform it, should they be victimised?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is not a question of making them victims. It is connected with the duty to be performed by somebody in an impartial manner and we reposed confidence in the teachers. I think it is a tribute paid to the quality of work done by them in connection with the elections.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Are the Government aware of the fact that by this modification which was introduced after payment of election travelling allowance for the General Elections in 1952 and before payment of travelling allowance for 1957 elections many teachers in local board high schools had got only actual fare *plus* two rupees daily allowance, whereas many other members in the same school like clerks and others got actually something more—mileage in the place of actual fare?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I shall examine the matter.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: If so, will the Government kindly issue revised instructions?

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 177–180 infra.

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I don't think we can revise the whole thing—revise all the travelling allowance bills and bills concerned with the General Elections.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: I have received representations from Salem District Board teachers. Will the Government kindly see that there is no discrimination made in making payment of travelling allowance between district board and aided institution teachers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No discrimination is made in the matter of payment of travelling allowance.

Madras State Union of Village Panchayats

* 16 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions passed by the Madras State Union of Village Panchayats at their annual conference held at Rajaji Hall on 2nd December 1957; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The resolutions concerning Government are being examined in detail in consultation with the departments concerned.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: As the Hon. Minister is aware that these resolutions were fully discussed at an informal conference with the representatives of the Government, namely, the Inspector of Local Boards, Secretary to Government and others, will the Government consider the issue of very early orders on non-controversial issues agreed to at the informal conference?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: Yes, I am aware that resolutions Nos. 7, 8, 8-A, 9, 20, 22 and 23 were discussed at an informal meeting by the Panchayat representatives including the President of the State Union of Panchayats, with the Secretary to Government, Local Administration Department and the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils on 3rd December 1957. All these resolutions have been separately noted on in the light of the above discussions and placed before the Legislature Committee appointed to consider the White Paper on the Reform of Local Administration for its consideration. So, it will be considered after that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.